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SUBJECT: GARBA REQUESTS SOUTH AFRICA TRADE STATISTICS

1. JOE GARBA DREW ME ASIDE TWO NIGHTS AGO TO ASK FOR HELP IN DEVELOPING STATISTICAL BACKUP INFORMATION THAT HE SAID HE NEEDED FOR AN UPCOMING IMPORTANT SPEECH HE WILL MAKE ON SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THE SPEECH WOULD BE TO A UNIVERSITY AUDIENCE 'IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.' A MAJOR THRUST OF THE SPEECH WILL BE TO DEMONSTRATE THE EXTENT OF TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON THE PART OF NEARBY AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, I SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE GARBA SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE DATA ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE, ANGOLA, MADAGASCAR, MAURITIUS, USA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN, CANADA, AND ISRAEL.

3. I SHOULD THINK THE BEST WAY TO ORGANIZE THE INFORMATION WOULD BE UNDER THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR EACH COUNTRY: VALUE OF EACH COUNTRY'S EXPORTS TO SOUTH AFRICA, PERCENTAGE THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS THAT COUNTRY'S TOTAL IMPORTS. I SHOULD THDA LIKE THE SAME SETS OF FIGURES IN THE REVERSE
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DIRECTION, IN OTHER WORDS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SHOW THE IMPORT- ANCE TO SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE OF ITS EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WITH EACH OF THE LISTED COUNTRIES.

4. I REALIZE THAT SOME OF THESE FIGURES WILL NOT BE EASILY COMPILED BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO GIVE GARBA AS MUCH HELP ON HIS REQUEST AS POSSIBLE. HE TOLD ME THAT IT WAS AS A DIRECT

RESULT OF COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT MADE TO HIM AND TO THE
HEAD OF STATE IN THE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER
AND SECRETARY VANCE ON APRIL 1 AND 2 THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO
INCLUDE THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION IN HIS SPEECH.
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